

Environment and forests in the State of Tripura by raising a battalion consisting of 12 service companies and one administrative company and named as "Tripura Environment Protection Force" at an estimated cost of Rs. 3602.8 lakhs over a period of five years was received.

(c) Funds to the desired extent are not available during the current financial year.

Inspection and health check up in zoos

3039. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of wild animals and birds kept in different zoos, alongwith the number of their species; and

(b) whether there is any provision for regular inspection and health check up of these wild animals and birds in these zoos?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The total number of species and the number of animals and birds in the collection of 57 large, medium and small zoos is given below:

S.No.	Animals/birds	Total number of species	Total number of individuals
1.	Mammals	222	12517
2.	Birds	419	12534
3.	Reptiles	140	7949
TOTAL:		781	33000

(b) The Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992 require that health of each animal should be inspected by the keeper and the veterinarian regularly.